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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION**

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

WILBUR L. ROSS, JR., *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 5:20-cv-05799-LHK

**DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO ORDER  
FOR DEFENDANTS TO CHECK CERTAIN  
MATERIALS, ECF No. 423**

Defendants have reviewed the documents identified by the Court in its January 3, 2021 Order, ECF No. 423. All but five of the cited documents in the Order are files with names such as “ATT0000[#].htm”. To the best of Defendants’ understanding, this type of file is automatically generated by the Microsoft Exchange Server when an attachment to an email is formatted “in-line” in that email. *See* MIT Information Systems & Technology Website, “Why is Exchange creating ATT00001 attachments?”, <http://kb.mit.edu/confluence/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=4981187>. While occasionally these ATT0000[#] files may contain, for example, snippets of text or an email signature, they are also often blank files.

The remaining five documents cited in the Order (NR\_0000531-535) are attachments to an email thread which, at an early point in the thread, contained graphical images. As that email thread progressed to and from different senders and recipients, those graphical images were no longer downloaded within the body of the original email message, but were instead converted to email attachments which returned blank files rather than the graphical images. A version of the email thread which contains the visible graphics was produced to Plaintiffs as DOC\_0024808, and that document is attached here as Exhibit A for reference.

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